



Blank it out Wellington

**Become a community
guardian and help keep
your neighbourhood
graffiti free**

**Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council**

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**Prompt removal
is the most
effective way of
managing graffiti
vandalism.**

Introduction

Blank It Out is a volunteer based graffiti vandalism removal programme with the Wellington City Council. This has been developed to support individuals and communities to participate in graffiti vandalism removal through the:

- Registration of volunteers
- Coordination of community based clean-up activities and processes
- Advice and support on the best ways to remove tagging with access to resources and equipment for clean-up activities.

As a volunteer, you will be a community guardian helping to keep your neighbourhood graffiti free. You can join us as an individual or be part of a team removing graffiti when it appears.

The **Blank It Out** programme will supply you with a graffiti removal kit that includes water based paint, graffiti removal products and brushes. The paints are water based so brushes can be cleaned with water. Protective clothing is your responsibility.

Volunteer guidelines

Please read the guidelines below.

- Register online at wellington.govt.nz/blankitout or complete attached registration form and post to: **Graffiti Volunteer Coordinator, PO Box 2199, Wellington 6140.**
- If the property you are removing graffiti from does not belong to you, please consult with the property owner and explain the process of removal. If they agree, please ensure the Consent Form is completed.
- If the volunteer is under the age of 17, consent from the legal guardian/s will be required (refer to the Consent Form).
- Wellington City Council manages a database which records tags that have been removed. The information you provide will assist to maintain accurate data. Please report the graffiti you have removed online at: wellington.govt.nz/blankitout-removal, which includes:
 - date and time the graffiti was removed
 - location of graffiti
 - what was used eg spray, paint, chalk, lipstick etc
 - before and after photos
- For graffiti on Council owned or managed assets, e.g. Community Centre, Parks assets, bus shelters, utility cabinets etc. you need to report this to Wellington City Council by:
 - **App:** FixIT
 - **Phone:** (04) 499 4444
 - **Text:** 3400
 - **Email:** info@wcc.govt.nz
 - **Online:** Fix It Requests on Wellington.govt.nz

- As you are working in partnership with Wellington City Council, your health and safety is paramount. Please ensure you:
 - Wear the personal protection equipment (PPE) provided by Wellington City Council at all times, e.g. high visibility vest, protective eyewear etc.
 - Adopt safe practices when removing graffiti from difficult to reach areas and not take unnecessary risks as explained during training.
 - Ensure the footpath is clear at all times and avoid moving on to the road.
 - Use drop sheets to capture paint residue and ensure the public will not be hindered or affected.
 - Report all injuries and incidents (including near misses) to the Graffiti Volunteer Coordinator.



